Mayors to reconsider Springs convention

Amendment 2 spurs second thoughts

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Mayors from around the country, on record as supporting gay rights, will reconsider holding their annual convention in Colorado Springs next summer because of the passage of Amendment 2.

Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, whose City Council last month adopted a resolution barring him from traveling to Colorado because of Amendment 2, asked the U.S. Conference of Mayors to take another look at whether its convention should be held in Colorado Springs as scheduled in June.

It's too soon to tell whether the group would move the convention, which would bring 1,000 to 1,500 mayors and their staff members to Colorado Springs for six days of meetings. Many of those expected to attend are the nation's most powerful big-city mayors.

Even more important than the $500,000 the convention will bring to hotels, restaurants and stores is the publicity that local tourism officials figure the prestigious event would generate for the Pikes Peak region.

The conference of mayors chose Colorado Springs for its 1993 convention three years ago, largely because of the lobbying of Mayor Robert Isaac — a high-ranking official of the group at that time. Isaac was president of the group from 1990-91 — the pinnacle of his 13-plus years as mayor.

Isaac is on vacation this week and could not be reached for comment.

The conference of mayors' 18-member executive committee — including Isaac — will take up the question of the convention site, possibly when it meets in Washington D.C., next month as a part of the group's annual winter get-together.

Nobody knows what the outcome might be, but Isaac's input will be considered along with that of other mayors, said J. Thomas Cochran, the conference's executive director. The group's president, Mayor William Althaus of York, Pa., could not be reached for comment.

The mayors might discuss a resolution they adopted in 1984 in support of gay rights. That resolution, which was passed unanimously at the group's convention, "recognizes the right of all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation, to full participation in American society, and recommends that all levels of government

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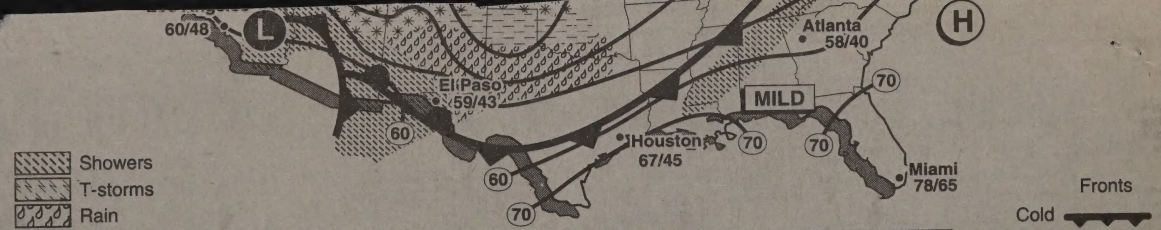

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NATION

City	Yest.	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albany, NY	40 33 sn	36 25 sf	36 19 sf	27 20 sf
Albq., NM	49 36 c	47 31 r	38 27 sh	47 27 c
Amarillo, TX	54 33 s	28 19 i	30 25 sn	51 28 pc
Anchorage, AK	35 27 c	34 26 c	36 24 sf	34 26 sf
Asheville, NC	49 28 s	54 34 c	46 25 pc	39 23 pc
Atlanta, GA	58 30 s	58 40 c	52 31 pc	46 32 pc
Atl. City, NJ	47 33 pc	44 31 c	43 16 pc	32 22 pc
Austin, TX	67 40 c	59 39 sh	46 38 r	59 44 sh
Baltimore, MD	46 33 pc	45 32 sh	44 24 pc	37 26 pc
Bangor, ME	35 32 sn	36 22 c	31 9 sn	28 11 c
Billings, MT	22 10 sf	29 20 s	45 22 pc	38 23 pc
Birmingham, AL	57 25 s	60 40 c	51 31 pc	49 33 pc
Bismarck, ND	24 19 sn	22 2 s	35 10 pc	29 13 s
Boise, ID	31 18 s	32 12 s	34 21 pc	35 26 c
Boston, MA	45 28 r	44 31 sf	40 21 pc	29 25 pc
Brownsville, TX	80 56 pc	76 57 c	61 54 r	69 56 sh
Buffalo, NY	32 26 sf	38 28 sn	29 21 sf	30 27 sf
Burlington, VT	40 25 r	33 21 sn	29 11 sf	24 17 sf

LEGEND: s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

City	Yest.	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Jackson, MS	62 27 s	63 43 c	52 34 c	52 35 pc
Jacksonville, FL	61 35 s	70 52 pc	69 42 c	58 43 c
Kansas City, KS	49 29 pc	32 14 c	35 23 pc	34 28 pc
Las Vegas, NV	53 36 pc	52 38 sh	53 39 pc	54 41 pc
Little Rock, AR	58 30 pc	45 33 sh	43 29 c	44 34 pc
Los Angeles, CA	62 50 c	60 48 sh	64 48 pc	68 50 c
Louisville, KY	40 28 pc	42 26 c	38 23 pc	37 28 pc
Marquette, MI	25 14 sn	25 12 sn	19 21 sf	27 23 sf
Memphis, TN	55 29 pc	48 33 sh	45 31 pc	45 35 pc
Miami, FL	78 57 s	78 65 s	81 66 pc	77 66 pc
Milwaukee, WI	31 23 c	32 15 sf	24 19 pc	33 23 pc
Minneapolis, MN	31 24 sn	20 4 pc	22 14 pc	29 19 s
Mobile, AL	60 35 s	68 52 pc	61 35 c	57 41 c
Nashville, TN	50 26 pc	47 29 c	43 29 pc	41 32 pc

City	Yest.	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Sioux Falls, SD	31 24 sn	24 2 pc	27 17 pc	34 20 s
Spokane, WA	26 11 s	28 12 s	30 18 pc	28 24 c
Tampa, FL	69 41 s	74 58 s	76 48 pc	70 50 pc
Topeka, KS	49 29 s	32 11 c	37 23 pc	36 28 pc
Tucson, AZ	62 50 r	66 47 r	60 43 c	67 43 pc
Tulsa, OK	57 30 s	39 25 sh	41 30 c	44 30 pc
Washington, DC	47 33 pc	47 36 sh	46 28 pc	37 30 pc
Wichita, KS	53 33 s	34 18 c	38 26 c	39 31 pc
Wilmington, DE	47 35 pc	45 31 sh	43 24 pc	33 28 pc

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City	Yest.	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Calgary, Alb.	28 7 pc	39 23 s	38 20 pc	29 1
Edmonton, Alb.	22 7 s	34 19 pc	32 17 pc	28
Montreal, Que.	40 21 sh	32 18 sn	27 16 sf	26
Ottawa, Ont.	38 30 pc	28 18 sn	28 17 sf	26
Toronto, Ont.	35 24 sn	34 21 sn	28 21 sf	30